WILLIAM W. FISKE
3319 HAMILTON STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

My Dear Dr. Robinson

At last the booklet is out of the printers hands & I am sending the first copy to you & one to Mrs. Robinson. It looks good to me and I hope you will like the mechanical make-up. I had greatest difficulty in securing a satisfactory half-tone of an old photograph of Mrs Fiske taken in 1908. Do you think it looks natural? The various delays enabled me to get in the beautiful resolutions passed by the Teacher Training Alumni at their annual meeting June 16 - an illustration of the saying "all things come to him who waits."

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your character sketch, but I want you to accept the enclosed check as a small token of that appreciation. With kind regards to Mrs. Robinson & with sincerest gratitude to you - Faithfully Yours

Philadelphia July 26. 1922

Dear Dr. Robinson

I know you will be interested in readi ng the enclosed copy of a recent letter from an old school friend of Mrs. Fiske's acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the memorial booklet . I only wish I was able to send you copies of the fifty odd similar acknowledgements which lie on my desk . I know they would touch you deeply as they have me. Everybody is delighted with it.

Gratefully yours

Wm. W. Fiske

This Miss Allen was Prof. Allen's daughter -

COPY OF MISS CARRIE ALLENS LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING THE [illegible]
(Carrie Allen , Mary Ament and Lida Seymour and Mary Monroe
all of Oberlin, Ohio, were intimate friends from girl-hood)

245 Gilman Avenue Cincinnati , Ohio
July 11. 1922 .

My dear Mr. Fiske :-

The little book came safely on yesterday and I read it eagerly at once and thank you very much for sending me this copy .

It is a beautifully written and beautifully printed tribute to a "beautiful life ", and is all true to Lida's beautiful character . Her's was surely a rare character ; a rare personality. One seldom meets such in the rush and nerve-straining activities of our modern civilization! How easy it was, always , to recognize the source of her strenght and poise and sweetness ! It shown out in her childhood - as the book says - as in her mature life.

How well I rember my first acquaintance with Lida - in the Oberlin public schools . She, being younger by almost two years than I, was not in my grade but at first was placed in the same room for awhile. At recess we often met and soon there were visits exchanged from house to house. In her home the pretyy mother , with her nimble fingers upon the piano keys and her graceful hospitality attracted us children at once and the cunning little house - a contrast to our large and crowded one - always interested us . Lida's cookery astonished me . To make cake and cookies at her age was a marvellous feat in the eyes of one who was of necessity banished from the kitchen where our busy Eveline (a former slave)was always preparing meals for a family of seven , with many boarders added.

It was a great treat to know her again when Lida and I were for two years room-mates at the Columbus School for Feeble Minded - where her strong personality worked such wonders among those most difficult problems in Child education .

And then I love to think over my two visits in her Philadelphia homes - the first at 3319 Hamilton Street when Fleda was a wee baby, and the second at 3403 Hamilton Street, just after she had left the parents home . Robert's being here in Cincinnati awhile brought me into touch with her between those visits , for I not only heard of her more frequently than through our correspondence, but he often reminded me of her by little ways and sayings .

It was a great privilege to have the friendship of such a woman and the memory of her will always be a bright and uplifting one , helpful in many ways . My three best early friends - but friends to the end- were all unusual women - Mary Penfield Ament , Mary Monroe and Lida Seymour. Isn't that a list of names to feed upon ? Mary Ament and I are the only ones left . We still keep up our correspondence and try to meet every year or two , now that she lives again on this side of the Pacific .

I think that the Dr. Robinson who writes so understandingly of Lida's life, was your pastor whom I heard preach on my last visit to you and Lida. I was glad also to see Mrs. Lisle's name . She was long an ardent admirer of Lida, and always had some loving word to speak for her when I have met her here .

The picture from which this reproduction was made must have been a very speaking likeness and I am more than glad to possess this copy in the book, for although you do not seem satisfied with the reproduction - it is the best likeness I have of my friend . . .

I hope that you are well and that you have one of your sons near enough to lay your hand upon all the time .

Yours very sincerely
(signed) Carrie N. Allen

Auburn N.Y.
41 Park Ave.
Feb 11-1924.

Rev.W.C.Robinson D.D.
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Mr.Robinson,-

I would like to hear in regard to the Hamden church I have had 4 years experience in Home Mission fields and would like to locate on a self supporting field. I am 33 years old married with one child a boy 20 months old. I spent the Fall at McCormick taking special work. I am a graduate of Colgate U. 1916 and Auburn Sem. 1919. At present I am without a field. I refer you to A.M.Forrester of Binghamton,or Rev.D.S.Haynes of Hobart N.Y.

Cordially yours,

Clarence A. Ford.

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January 25, 1924.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am spending a few weeks in Philadelphia and shall be in Buffalo on Tuesday, February 12th, on my way to Cleveland. I have with me a fine set of colored slides, showing pictures of life in the Kentucky Mountains. If you would care to have me do so, I shall be glad to come over to Lockport for the mid-week meeting on Wednesday, February 13th, and show the slides.

I do not urge you at all to arrange for an evening with the slides, but if you think it would be of interest to your people, I should be delighted to come over. We are very grateful to them for what they have done for us, and I would be glad to show our appreciation in this way if you have not other plans for that evening.

Will you kindly drop me a line to the Hotel Walton in Philadelphia to let me know whether you wish to have me come on that evening, as I shall arrange for some other appointment, if it is not convenient for you to have me.

I have been at the Northminster Church several times lately; I am well acquainted with Dr. Mackie; he has been down at Pikeville with one of the parties. Quite a few have spoken to me about you and about your father. They hold your father in very high esteem at Northminster, and they are proud of your accomplishments and seem to think that they are in some way responsible for your success.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

W. D. Ferguson.

2400 SIXTEENTH STREET

Dear Mr. Robinson—

I am glad to hear
you will be in Washington
soon. We will certainly be
there to hear you preach,
and shall hope to have
you drive with us in the

Evening. We will have
dinner early & trust it will
not interfere with Church
services -

I am sorry Mrs. Robinson
will not be with you -

With best wishes to you
both in which Gen. Leland
joins me - Sincerely
Jas & Ct. Valtamir C. Leland

Dear Dr and Mrs. Rowson —

I am really ashamed
I regret having delayed
answering your letter so long-
and I hope you will forgive
me —

We went to our Camp Earlier

last year we were just leaving
when your letter arrived -
the sudden death of my
Mother called me to Columbus
and I was there two months -
I am leaving Washington
tomorrow for Columbus to spend
Christmas with my sisters; it

will be a sad day for us as
it was my Mother's birthday
and her Wedding Anniversary.
Washington is very busy
and we are always occupied.
I trust another year will
bring us better luck and that
we shall be able to visit you.
I know we would have a
fine time

Will bring you the best
wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year—

Sincerely Yours,

Kalamazoo C. Ferris.

Dec 24th—

Baptist-Presbyterian Cooperative Services

REV. C. FREDERIC FRASER, PASTOR

FAYETTEVILLE, N. Y.

November 7, 1923.

Dear Dr Robinson,

I have delayed answering your letter of the 23d relative to the church at Hamden because I felt that the matter required careful deliberation, and partly because I have been called home in the meantime due to a death in the family. It is my notion that any such suggestion needs care in answering that we may know the way for us. Your letter came at a time when some of the discouragements common to the ministry were upon me, but I believe that my work here is not yet brought to a point where I should leave it without a larger advance in opportunity and salary than Hamden offers. The Fayetteville field is an interesting working solution, I believe, of the problem of overchurching in our villages. These questions peculiar to our local situation have by no means all been settled. There are other matters relative to our Church life that are not yet brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The opportunity here for work with new folks constantly moving out from Syracuse, and the advantages of proximity to the city are matters that have entered into this answer to you.

Beleive me, I am deeply grateful for your personal interest in suggesting this new field to me. I remember with joy visiting in your Philadelphia home, and the counsel you gave me when once I asked your assistance in the matter of my work after Seminary. Of course, I value the friendship of Stewart as one of the richest of my Seminary course. With kindest regards to Mrs Robinson, and yourself, I am,

Sincerely, C. Frederic Fraser

August 16, 1923.

Mr. J. F. Taylor,
Treasurer Benevolence Fund,
First Presbyterian Church,
Morningside Farm,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Delhi, New York.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

Formal receipt has already been sent you from our Treasurer's office for your check of $200. for the support of Mr. Samuel Hocking, forwarded on August 6th. At the time this check was received, negotiations were pending with Mr. Hocking, looking toward a delay in his sailing for China, because of the large debt for his education which he is carrying and because of the financial stringency which the Board is facing, and there was still some uncertainty about Mr. Hocking's going to the field this year under our Board, and therefore the designation for Mr. Hocking's support was put on the receipt. Mr. Hocking's appointment by the Board has now been cancelled, as fully explained in a letter to your Pastor, Dr. Robinson, copy of which is enclosed.

We trust that First Church will be glad to apply the remittance mentioned toward the Board's general fund, pending decision as to the further application of this gift and future gifts.

As I have stated to your Pastor, Mr. Hocking is going to China under other auspices than our Board for the present, and it may be that conditions will be such a year hence that he will be reappointed by the Board. In that case, your Church may wish to assume his support. We shall await instructions, either from you or from Dr. Robinson, about this matter.

Very cordially yours,

G. H. Trull

Secretary for Specific Work.

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Encl.

NAME: Lefever, Rufus Harry (Rev.)

BORN: 1895. Pleasureville, York County, Penn.

EDUCATION: Was graduated from the York High School, York, Pa. 1914
" " " Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. 1917
" " " Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. 1921

EXPERIENCE: Preacher, Miller, Nebraska, 1 year; Business Manager for United Enlistment Movement of United Brethren Church, 2 years; President, South and Central Union of Student Volunteer, 1 year; Teacher, Stivers High School, Dayton, Ohio, 1921-1923.

ASSIGNMENT: Appointed and assigned to the South China Mission, April 2, 1923. Later transferred to the Shantung Mission, China.

Rufus H. Lefever's parents were very active Christians; his father has been teacher of a large Bible class for men and also superintendent of the Sunday school of the United Brethren Church. His son regularly attended church and Sunday school. At one time he did not miss a Sunday for ten years.

Through the sacrifices of his parents he was able to go through high school at York, Pa., graduating in 1914. College seemed almost impossible because of lack of funds, but the way was providentially opened. Mr. Lefever worked very diligently and by studying summers completed the course at Lebanon Valley College in three years. It was in his sophomore year that he signed the Student Volunteer Declaration. Mr. Lefever said: "I have never regretted that decision. It grows stronger each day."

A professor at Lebanon Valley College has thus commented: "Mr. Lefever is an exceptionally energetic, enthusiastic and ambitious young man. I consider him well qualified for the service which for many years he has eagerly endeavored to prepare himself. In college he was a dependable leader in all phases of Christian work as well as in local church work."

After graduation from college in 1917 Mr. Lefever went to Nebraska where he preached at Miller for one year. He then came to Dayton, Ohio, and entered Bonebrake Theological Seminary from which institution he was graduated in 1921. During this period he worked part time as business manager for the United Enlistment Movement of the United Brethren Church. He also served as president of the South and Central Union of Student Volunteer. Mr. Lefever had success in staging several large missionary exhibits. In addition he acted as president of the Seminary Volunteer Band. A professor in the Seminary has said: "He was a great leader in the missionary activities of the church and also had success as a preacher during vacation periods. He is a tireless worker, resourceful to a marked degree." Another thus testified: "He is gentlemanly, devoted, straightforward, earnest and ambitious. His wife is capable and as devoted as he is."

Having school obligations, Mr. Lefever decided to teach for several years. He accepted a position in Stivers High School, Dayton, Ohio, where he instructed from 1921-1923. A colleague wrote: "Both Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are in good health, enthusiastic, well educated and possessed of a high degree of culture. They are adaptable and could readily adjust

themselves to any situation in which they might be placed. These traits, coupled with a cheerful disposition and an ability to get along with people, should make it possible for them to render very valuable service. We shall be very sorry to lose him from our faculty."

Mr. Lefever's own Board of the United Brethren Church on account of lack of funds would be unable to send him to the field until 1924, that is to China the country in which he was particularly interested. Accordingly after being released by the United Brethren Board Mr. Lefever applied to the Presbyterian Foreign Board. On April 2, 1923 he and Mrs. Lefever were appointed and assigned to the South China Mission. This assignment was later changed to the Shantung Mission, China.

CABLE ADDRESS "INCULCATE NEW YORK" TELEPHONE WATKINS 8191

The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 16, 1923.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D., Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church,
Delhi, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Yesterday afternoon I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Samuel Hocking, whose support has been pledged by your Church. He tells me that he wrote you some days ago, telling you that the Board had communicated with him about the possibility of his deferring his going to the field for a time, because of the financial stringency which the Board is facing just now. The Board has written to a number of the missionaries under appointment this year, inquiring if they might defer their going without embarrassment or inconvenience.

Mr. Hocking has had a large indebtedness for his education hanging over him, which we have been making strenuous efforts for several months to reduce or cancel, because the Board's policy is not to send out missionaries who have any large indebtedness. The salary on the field is insufficient to enable a missionary to pay off any considerable debt, so we feel it is a much wiser policy to have this cleared before a missionary leaves America.

Mr. Hocking has been very nice about the matter and fully appreciates the Board's position. He has felt, however, that he wanted to go out to China this year, if possible; so with the Board's approval he has been negotiating with the Foreign Department of the Y.M.C.A. He was in New York yesterday, completing the arrangements whereby he will sail on August 30th for Shanghai. He has accepted a position to teach in the Futan College, which is a private institution. He also expects to do some student Y.M.C.A. work under the direction of the local Association in Shanghai. The Executive Council at its meeting yesterday took action cancelling the appointment of Mr. Hocking, should he go out to China this year under other auspices than our Board. This does not preclude his reappointment by our Board at a later time, if the way seems clear.

We regret very much that it has become necessary to ask your Church to transfer its pledge for the support of Mr. Hocking to some other missionary in service or to the regular fund of the Board, pending Mr. Hocking's possible reappointment. You will know which would be the better plan. It seems too bad that Mr. Hocking could not go out this year under our Board, since he has been to Delhi and has become acquainted with you and your people, and established very happy relations. However, I am sure

you will understand the exigency which has made necessary the change in plans, and I trust that there will be no diminution of interest on the part of yourself or the good people of your Church in the foreign missionary work. In fact, we most urgently need your very loyal and staunch support just at this time. I am enclosing a leaflet entitled "Our Foreign Missions in Peril", which outlines the situation in detail.

We have already received from your Treasurer Mr. J. F. Taylor a remittance of $200. to be applied toward the support of Mr. Hocking.

I am writing Mr. Taylor by this same mail, and am enclosing to him a copy of this letter to you, which explains the situation. I am also sending to you a copy of my letter to him. Mr. Taylor's letter I am enclosing to you, fully addressed and stamped, with the request that you kindly mail it, so that he may receive it after you have had this letter.

If the First Church desires a missionary in China, we can offer you Rev. Rufus H. Lefever, who is scheduled to sail on August 18th. It will not be possible for Mr. Lefever to visit Delhi before sailing, as he has doubtless already left for the West Coast, but he could probably do so on his return for his first furlough. I am enclosing biographical sketch of Mr. Lefever. Please let me know if your Church would like to assume his support in place of Mr. Hocking, or whether it prefers for the present to send in its gifts of $1500. for the current year to the general fund.

Faithfully yours,

George N. Truell

Secretary for Specific Work.

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MERIDALE FARMS

AYER & McKINNEY, PROPRIETORS

MEREDITH, DELAWARE COUNTY
NEW YORK

July 31, 1923.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Doctor Robinson:

The matter discussed between us on the occasion of your call some days since has had my earnest consideration and I have naturally sought the judgment of those who stand closest to the work in our little church here.

Viewing the whole situation, our obligation to our present pastor and the almost impossibility of making in the immediate future a move such as you had in mind, it would seem unwise for the Meridale church to defer at all such independent action as they may see fit to take.

I would not have you interpret this judgment as any abatement of my earnest hope that the time may not be too far distant when there may be a real union on the part of this entire community in the work of the Kingdom.

With very warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Wilfred Ayer

REV. A. M. FORRESTER
PASTOR AT LARGE FOR BINGHAMTON AND
OTSEGO PRESBYTERIES
115 ELDRIDGE ST.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
PHONE 3795-M

5/25/23.

Dear Dr. Robinson,-

I Your letter of the 21st Inst. was on my desk when arrived, ome last night after several days absence.

Am glad that we fully accord regarding one pastor for Meridale and the Square. It is fortunate that your are to have a conference with Mr. Fry. Hope he will be agreeable to it, also.

I aks Mr. Haynes, if salary and other conditions could be agreed upon, whether he would consider that field as the pastor of the two and he said he would. I may further add that he has never changed that statement, so I assume it still holds good.

I believe that he would expect a salary of about $2000. per yr. and manse. I am convinced he is worth that amount. I , also think the two places could easily pay it.

With best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

A. M. Forrester.

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5/28/23.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson,-

In talking with the officials of the Meridale Church, I find they are in favor of arranging to have just one pastor for that church and the Baptist church at the Square. I heard that you had received a letter from Mr Fry. Does intimate what policy he thinks should be pursued as to those two churches?

If we could arrange for one pastor for the two churches, it seems to me that is the thing to do. Also, if that pastor could be a presbyterian, I think Haynes of Hobart would be the man for the place. I have strong reasons to belive he would accept such a place. Please keep this latter part in confidence for reasons which I belive will be apparent to you.

Rejoicing in the splendid work I hear you are doing in the Old First Chruch, and hoping you may be richly blessed in your efforts, I am

Yours cordially,

A. M. Forrester

Dear Ed. Robinson:

I want to thank you so
very sincerely for all that you have done
for me during the past- days and for the
kind and comfort- that you have given to me.
I felt that the service on Saturday was
just- what- Mother would have wished.
And I wish to thank you & Mrs.

Im beautifying with Flowers
Sweet are the uses [illegible]
when seen [illegible] [illegible] thoughts to them.
P.S. Mary is [illegible] I have an answer
[illegible] or two and Mrs. Robinson
Your sincere friend.
Pauline [illegible]

3319 Hamilton St Phila.
September 18. 1922

Dear Dr. Robinson

I had rather sad news from Ifeda the other day. She has been visiting Chicago & had her youngest, Ifeda Francis, with her. Last Tuesday Frances who is five years old was run over in Lincoln Park by an auto bus & her right foot badly injured — the flesh & muscles & tendons torn to the bone & down to the heel. It was a wonder she wasn't instantly killed. I believe her Grandmother Iske, who loved her so much, must have kept her from being killed. Are we not told "they are ministering spirits"? Well, the child was rushed to Dr Dobson's own hospital & put immediately on the operating table for an hour. Then the foot & leg to above the knee was put in a plaster cast & there the dear child lies. Ifeda stays with her from 8 AM to 6 PM. The foot was dressed Friday & Ifeda says it looked so black & horrid she believes it much worse than the Doctors tell her & will be a miracle if she ever walks again, or without a limp. That the accident has saddened the whole household

which I do not doubt as She has been their idol for six weeks. Theda was in the hospital for an operation two weeks, from being born in child-bearing, & was just getting nicely over it & expected to have gone back to her home last Friday! She is already feeling much stronger & better for undergoing the operation— The Doctors assure her everything is being carefully watched & guard— against infection & I can but believe the little foot will be spared & come out all right in time. Meantime I ask your earnest prayers for them all.

I knew you remember their wedding anniversary— the 27th & her address is 2106 Sedgwick St. Chicago. You know Albert hurt his back last winter from being thrown from a waggon. He was in his fathers hospital several weeks & still wears a supporting brace & cannot do much work on his farm— but is improving— Little Seymour started going to school after Labor Day for the first time— Albert & he ride seven miles in a Ford each morning & are away from home from 8 AM till 5 PM—

I was to see Bertha Kearney over a week-end in August & she is prospering & is on the staff of every hospital in Providence & has never been so busy— She has bought a beautiful summer home at Buttonwoods— R. I. 15 miles down the Bay from Providence & is on the water front & has a fine view as far as Newport— Her three children are bright, beautiful & healthy. Her hands are pretty full with help of one maid— She spoke to me of her appreciation of your

Ken Theda
Albert
Seymour
Bertha

Donald Laura & I had a quiet restful pleasant vacation at Sachems Head - I gained 7 lbs & they each 15 & we returned Sept 8th feeling fine Mr Mackie is back & preached yesterday for first time Other church news you will learn from the Calender I enclose.

I am still receiving appreciative letters from those to whom I sent the booklets. and I wish You could read them all - Everyone likes it very much

Please remember me to Mrs Robinson

Donald & Laura join me in love & best wishes

Very sincerely Yours

William W. Fiske

P. S. This is one of lifes crisis with Hedda which you used to say come to all sooner or later & reminds us of our divine need. She says she is praying hard for her Father boys so far away & subjects to daily harm, as well as for the precious life & limbs of the little girl

1055 Lincoln Street,
Denver, Colorado,
August 26, 1922.

Dear Cousin Court:

Very remiss have I been about writing to you - and I have had you in mind, too, ever since the going away of your father. A clergyman, the other day, at the

funeral of a friend of his, whose life had been rich in many good deeds, spoke of our gathering ourselves together for the "graduating exercises" of the one whose body was before us. It was ineffably beautiful and comforting, and Death had no sting, for the friend had gone on to those wonderful experiences for which his life here had made him ready. So it was with your father.

You told me once that you and I were the two Robinson failures, (seemingly) money being your standard of measurement. I do not blame one for wanting money and more of it for it brings to one so many worth-while possessions, (besides making one rich in opportunities for doing) but it is not all, by any means. I do not consider my life a failure. It has

been a growth, the tragedy being the slowness of it, for I am now where I should have been thirty-five years ago. Economic conditions have made it a grind in more ways than one, but there have been a few bonnes growing along the latter. Spiritually, I have grown and educationally a little, my vision and sympathies are broader. My ambition just now is to go to Columbia for a few months and that, I may achieve

a little later.

I was with Mother five months last winter. For twelve weeks she was on the border line. In April I took her to the Washington Sanitarium out on a beautiful hilltop of Maryland. There she is now in a pleasant room, where she has every care, but she is very, very frail. I have just heard from her through a friend who

spent two precious days in Washington and gave a half day to Mother, so she could tell me just how it is. A lovely thing to do, I think. Almost any day I may have to return.

I had, with another, two schools this summer, the Federal one closing a week ago. The fifth, Opportunity with its day and night sessions begins. The school is often more than twelve hours a day. Last year we had seventy-three or four teachers and between eight and nine thousand students during the year. The powerbird bee hive ant hill rolled into one.

I dine at Will's to-night, I usually do on Saturday nights. Ellen is very dear. Will is happy in his work on the tunnel commission. That is a great project and I am so glad for him.

Come out bringing Cousin Jessie

with you and we will motor over the mountain passes. These hills are marvelous. With four ladies I was descending a few days ago, from the heights sixty miles away when a vicious storm swept down upon us catching us on a narrow road in adobe soil. We skidded into a ditch and turned nearly over. You know that everything passes if you give it time enough and as did that storm, but another quickly followed, which converted the

highway into a river and the ditch into a raging torrent, and the way Jove's men fulmed and the lightnings flashed filled us with awe to say the least. At six the exhibition began. Then came ten o'clock and a ranchman wriggled along. He was illiterate, and ignorant of all the amenities governing polite society, and even the breezines of the great out-o-doors smelt not like the fact that it must

be running the day for his biennial bath. But his hunt was a hunt of gold and his education along altruistic lines through, as there was instant & keen recognition of the claims laid upon him by the brotherhood of man. He fastened our chains together & drew us out of our slough of despond and he and his wife guided us to a gulch a mile and a half away to the house of a relative where in a twinkling a roaring fire thawed our bodies and dried our wearing apparel. This experience, however, was as nothing compared to what it might have been in hundreds of places along the way where the road simply clings to the precipitous sides of deep canons. This good Samaritan wished no remuneration, saying simply, "You were women in trouble and needed me." We had difficulty also in showing

our appreciation of his mother-in-law's generous hospitality. This help came at most opportune time for a rainy night in the open on the mountain top, with no facilities for building a fire is not to be counted.

In the midst of writing John A Robinson, Jr. of Rockford called me over the phone. He is in his sophomore year at the University of Nebraska & he is earning money this summer vacation by driving a great touring car through the mountain parks.

I am thinking of going with him on one of his trips, sitting on the front seat beside him. It will be exhilerating. To ride over those roller coaster roads in those marvelous, silent, beautiful hills is better than champagne — and I like champagne too.

What are you reading? and what do you like in reading? The book just now occupying every moment I can snatch outside of duties is Basil King's "Conquest of Fear." Basil and I have

So far he has driven sixteen thousand miles and I'd know every one of his trips, and rounded out.

had a number of similar problems & doubts, but his courage is greater than mine. The book is helpful & I am grateful for it.

I took one of my periodical trips to Europe & the Orient last winter and my journey was taken as a dozen others have been — on paper. This time I followed Will & Ellen in their wanderings up and down & to & fro. Some day it may be a real one — Qui sait!

Forgive the length of this effusion. Still when one considers that it covers a five years silence, it is not so long —

My best to you & cousin Jessie

Affectionately your cousin

Mary